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SENATOR ALLARD HAILS KERRY'S VP PICK AS A CHANCE FOR LEGISLATIVE PROGRESS IN THE SENATE

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) made the following statement Tuesday in response to presumptive Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry's announcement that he is tapping Senator John Edwards (D-North Carolina) to be his running mate in the fall presidential election:

"I expect Senator Edwards will now be away much of the time campaigning. From the perspective of a small businessman, I am hopeful that one less trial lawyer present and voting in the Senate will mean that we can finally make some progress on issues that matter to the American people, such as permanent tax reduction and tort reform."

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